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This submission is being made after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance but before payment of the Issue Fee.

The listed references, like the other references of record do not teach a method including the steps of: measuring the noise components of the measurement signals in the operating mode and in the test mode; recognizing a malfunctioning of the reference half cell on the basis of a relationship of the changes of the noise components in the operating mode and in the test mode; and outputting a corresponding report.

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